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INTERNAL REVENUE DECISIONS.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1363. THE CONFERENCE ON THE FINANCE BILL. The Committee of Conference on the Finance bill, a their meeting this morning, agreed upon the fol-

Pirat: To authorize a further issue of \$150, 000,000 of legal tender.
Second: To have the \$400,000,000 of interestlowing points:

bearing notes convertible into legal tender, or made legal tender on their face, just us the Secretary of Thewary shall decide.

Third: That coupons should not be receivable for customs duties thirty days before they become due. The confeerees will meet again to-morrow and

probably agree upon and perfect a report. THE PASSAGE OF THE NEW MILITIA ACT The New Militia act received a fuller vote, 110, than has been given to any measure this session. It was fully debated, thoroughly opposed, and tinkered at in every conceivable way. All amendments 17

heads expressed their consciousness, that under its by brevet. provisions black men of the prescribed ages can now e enrolled in the army of the United States, and fight side by side with the Saxon and the Celt for the liberties of the country. THE FRENCH MARCHING ON SONORA.

We have advices to-day from El Paso, Chibuahua, that the French, 8,000 strong, bad taken possession of Guayamas, and were marching on Hermosilla, tho capital of the State of Schora. The alleged provo- every edict of Gov. Pisquekra banishing the French from that province and confiscating their property.

RECONNOISSANCE UP THE PAPPAHANNOCK. The gambosts Freeborn and Dragon made a reennoisance on the 21st up the Rappahannock a disance of 65 miles. Just below Fort Lowry they next of an hour's length encued, in which the butkries were silenced. The Freeborn received unimpertant injuries and had two or three men eligibily wounded. The entire reconnoissance was a perfect necess and yielded a great deal of valuable information. It was conducted by Lieutenant-Commande Samuel Magraw.

THE CREW OF THE ISAAC SMITH.

We hope to see a day of reckoning between those who went into the field willing to sacrifice their all for their country, and those miserable hypocrites who at the commencement of the war cringed before the majestic uprising of popular culturiasm, and now avail themselves of an hour of misfortune and danger to defeat our efforts to batter away the great fluore of this Union, and to trille with the blood of the people.

grantor. When two or more persons join in the execution of an instrument, the stamp to which the instrument is liable under the law may be affixed and canceled by any one of the parties.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

Drs. Benjamin J. Mooers of Plattsburg, N. Y., and Augustus L. Saunders of Brookfield. N. Y.





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privations the war may bring upon us we will endure, we will think of no peace but the peace which will spring from a final and comple triumph of our like Conduct of the C

of the War will report to Congress on important matters before the close of the session. Gen. Mc- THE MORTAR BOATS STILL IN POSITION. Clellan will be examined to-morrow.

COMPENSATION FOR INDIAN CAPTIVES. A resolution of the Legislature of New-Mexico was presented to the Senate to-day, asking compensation to the owners of about six handred Indian captives, about to be liberated by the Courts, and

the passage of g law to return them, to their several NAVAL APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED The Senate to-day, in Executive Session, confirmed the nomination of William P. Blodgett as

Naval Officer at Providence, R. I., in place of Fisher resigned.

PROSE NEW-ORKEANS.

Attempted Assassination of Gen. Banks.

"We regret to learn that an attempt was made to shoot Major-General Banks as he was about enter-ing his carriage at the ladies' entrance to the City i, about a quarter past 7 o'clock last evening, weapon used was an sir-gun, and the bullet, The weapon used was an sir-gun, and the bullet, after passing near where the General stood, was found on the opposite sidewalk. The pers n who

The Delta says a rumor was current in the streets on the 13th that the Alabama had been captured. but the source of the report sould not be ascertained. A call had been issued for a meeting of the planters of the 1st and 11d Congressional districts, on the 18th inst., to determine what should be done in reference to the working of the plantations.

Capture of Robel Smugglers.

Col. Schley of the 5th Meryland Regiment, statiqued at the Point of Rocks, has cantured ten amugglers on their way from Richmond with the proceeds of their unlawful trade in Southern money, mounting in the aggregate to over \$23,000, Moredith Gilmore of Baltimore County, a brother of Capt, Harry Gilmore of the Rebel army, who was arrested near this city during the invasion of Maryland last September, playing the part of a spy, was so caught while attempting to go South. It is noteworthy, that in endeavoring to restrict the R. Lowell of the 6th Cavalry, now commanding the mits that he has been in the Rebel service fourteen perations of the law to white persons, the Copper 2d Mass. Cavalry, is among those nominated Major menths. It is hoped he will not neet with the same. The bear leulency extended to his brother, who, although clearly acting the part of a spy, was let off to resume typhoid form, much like pneumonia, prevailing, but his hostility to the Government.

Naval.

In stamping promisery notes, or other instruments requiring stamps under the provisions of the Excusions, two or more of a smaller denomination may be used, in numbers sufficient to amount to the sum of the stamp will be required apon the stamp will be required apon every exciting the which has or may have a legal.

Several contractors have examined them, and some every contificate which has or may have a legal value in any court of law or equity. Certificates, warrants, orders, and drafts by one State officer upon another, for the purpose of carrying on the internal business of the Government, are not sulject to a stamp tax.

The same rule applies to the certificates, orders.

Several contractors have extanted then, and some are now in Washington [5] of one are can attain a centract anise see is himself engaged in the construction of vessels. The new sense have one turned which will carry two 11 or 15-inch game), but will not draw so much water as the last nine Monitors. There are a few peculiarities of their construction which it would not be advisable to print at present.

The Naval Examining Board is still in session at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard. Mr. Fay has been before it, and several persons connected with the yard. It has been shown that Admiral Paucing reprinanced every carried on along the river. leading money on

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Fruitless Attempt to Capture a Steamer.

Carno, Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1803.

The mortar-boats still maintain their position, and

work of enlarging is steadily progressing; 3,000 men are said to be at work daily on the peninsula.

to out off passengers. She no sooner touched the shore than a dozen guerrillas rushed aboard and attempted to get posession. The boat immediately backed out, and the

guerrillas were forced to jump ashore. They afterward fired on the heat, doing no damage. Nothing has been heard of the Indianola or Queen

There is nothing important from Lake Providence.

The Robel Gen, Forrest Reported Dead-

The latest news we have from below is that Brig.-Gen. Forrest died from wounds received in the Fort Denelson fight on the 3d inst. This we re-

Western disease known as Winter fever with a it is nothing near so bad as Northern Secash papers would have one believe. The Winter has been unusually wet; there has been very little frost, but it is to be said that the greater number of cases

evely carried on along the river.

The genbeat Indianola, one of the new iron-clads built at New-Albany, Ind., ran past the batteries at Vickshurg a few nights ugo. The Rebuis fired reversal that

Back of Board Polis, have noticed into. Example of the Section of Section 1 and the section of the Section 1 and the Sec

Marriso.—At the Democratic meeting held at Davis | cavalry—are this side of Columbia, Tenn., and it is | find on Wednesday evening, after the meeting was reported that they are carrying off all the able-

PRICE THREE CENTS.

PROM KEY WEST.

Arrival of the Officers and Crew of the
U. S. ship Hatteras—The Rebel Pirate
Alabama.

The United States steam transport Star of the
South, Commander M. S. Woodbull, from Key
West to United States Quartermester, arrived on
Wednesday morning. Feb. 21, lat. 39 43, long. 78 23,
passed herm. brig Thos. Connor, bound north.
Feb. 22, in the Galf Stream, signaled steamship
Champion and a United States steamer supposed to
be the Colorado, both bound south; it was blowing
a gale at the time from the north, and very heavy
sea running. Feb. 23, lat 38 24, long. 74 00, spoke
Austrian brig Asirain, bound north; same day,
passed brig Abby Thaxter, Capt. Coombs, bound
north. The Star of the South experienced heavy

we are indebted to Charles F. Burke, Purser of the Sar of the South, for news favors.

Immediately after the arrival of the Star of the South at this port, the officers and crew of the Hatters went to the Navy-Yard, where they wait for orders from the proper authorities to direct their future action. They are a brave and jolly set of fellows, and exceedingly desirous to have a brave and jolly set of fellows, and exceedingly desirous to have a brave and jolly set of fellows, and exceedingly desirous to have a brave and jolly set of fellows, and exceedingly desirous to have a brave and jolly set of fellows.

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THE ENGAGEMENT

DETWEEN THE ALARAMA AND HATTERAS.

We are permitted to publish the following letter relating the particulars of the action between the Alabama and the Hatterns:

UNITED STATES SHIP ST. LAWRENCE, 1 Key Wast. Feb. 17, 1850.

Sir: Having seen in several papers an account of the less, and also the armament of the United States steamship Hatterns, I wish to state these facts. On the 6th of January we received orders in New Orleans to take a draft of men, who had belonged to the Westfield, to the Brocklyn, the flagsthip at Galveston, and commence operations at that place. We arrived on the 10th, and on that afterfor Government or country. All they are to make money, and it is likely they are the those who would like to appear well in the those who would like to appear well in the

> At 3 o'clock signals from the Brooklyn, isg a strange sail in the offing, and for us to get un. On the 20th, Gen. McCook advanced on Triune,

THE BATTLE OF STONE RIVER.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF GEN. ROSECRANS.

Heroism of the Army of the Cumberland.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE CUNCERLAND, MUNICIPALISMOND, Teop., Feb. 12, 1813 GENERAL: As the sub-reports are now nearly all of the General-in-Chief, the subjoined Report, with

of conscription and intentry service. The evident difficulties and labors of an advance into this country, and against such a force, and at such distance from our base of operations, with which we connected by a single precarious thread, made it manifest that our policy was to induce the enemy to travel over as much as possible of the space that A ting Chief, Joseph C. Cro. Acting Times, and the series of the control of the c separated us—thus avoiding for us the w tear and dimination of our forces, and subjecfor him, and diminishing for us, the dangerous con-

The Hatteras officers and crew sailed from Jamai-ca on the 4th inst. in the ship Borodino, of Boston, Capt. Samuel Flowers, and reached Key West on the 15th mst. The Borodino sailed for New-York on the 19th inst.

in reference to the Alabama.

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noon commenced bombaroing the fortifications until ley's Division on Nolinsvile, leaving the other sundown, when we ceased firing. The next day (Komescan's) Division on the right flank.

Crittenden advanced to Lavergue, skirmishing

THE AMENDMENTS AGREED UPON

Col. ALEX. SCHFMMLFENNING, Cmd'g 1st Brigade

Col. ALEX. SCH FMMLFENNING, Cmd'g li Col. Mattung, 7tth Pennsylvania. Col. MaGROARTY, 61st Ohio. Mej. RUTHERS, 6th New-York. Col. Befown, 16th New-York. Col. MEZYZANOWSKI, Comd'g let Brigade. Col. KEZYZANOWSKI, Comd'g let Brigade. Col. MAHLER, 7sth Pantsylvanja. Col. JACGES, 26th Wilconsin. Col. PEISNER, 110th New-York. Lieut-Col. GELIMAN, 56th New-York.

THE CLAIM OF FRANCIS DENAISE, Senator Sumner has made an adverse report against the House bill compensating Francis Denaise tribes.

for alleged judicial services in Constantinople years ago, which shows the claim to be unfounded, and will bar the presentation of many others of a similar nature, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dol-

CONTRACTS FOR ICE. On the proposals invited by the Medical Purveyor for the Medical and Hospital Department, the following contracts we re awarded to-day:

J. W Parish & Co. of St. Louis, at \$25 per ton, delivered at Nanhviller do. do., \$20 do., St. Louis, do. do., \$20 do., Cairo; do. do. do., \$20 do., St. Louis, do. do., \$20 do., Cairo; do. do. do., at Nemphis Jes. C. Titary of N. Y., at 1815 inst. Her advices are only one day later, and are 50% at New-Orieans, do. do., \$10 do. The bids are considered very reasonable, on ac-

count of the scarcity of ice and the risks of trans-

FOREIGN MEDIATION. It is quite probable that the policy of the country pon the subject of foreign mediation in the political liferences which may agitate our States, or Interrupt their union, will be authoritatively settled by the joint resolution of Congress before its adjourn-

THE TAX ON MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.

The House Committee on Manufactures bave adopted a resolution to the effect that only the enhanced value of manufactured articles ought to be taxed. There may be no opportunity to report the resolution this session, but the amendment suggested chably be proposed in the House.

GEN. MCCLELLAN BEFORE THE WAR INVESTI-GATING COMMITTEE. Gen. McClellan is here on the peremptory sum-

mous of the War Investigating Committee. MILITARY APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS. A very large number of military appointments and promotions were sent to the Senate to-day and referred to the Military Committee, among them lo or Generals and several hundred officers of the simed at its principle were of course voted down, regular army raised to brevet rank. Capt. Charles

The following internal revenue decisions have been made in regard to stamps upon instruments. In stamping promissory notes, or other instruments ificute which has or may have a legal cation of this invasion of Schora is said to be nn value in any court of law or equity. Certificates,

transmitted by telegraph and railroad companies over their own wires on their own business, for which they receive no pay, are not texable. Concerning the affixing and cancellation of excise simply, section 94 of the Excise law requires that calling and things and concellation of excise and the first day of October certain stamp duties shall be collected on all instruments, matters, and things as described in the superintendent of tron-clad machinery in the vicinity of New-Yerk, has left tor the on-clad fleet about to commence operations. South. Having been present at the putting up of all the engines, and understanding every technically of them, he will, in the estimation of the authorities, be a great acquisition to the squadron during the expected heritities.

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The crew of the Isase Smith, captured by the shall make, sign, or issue, or cause to be made, Rebe's at Stono Inlet, have arrived here. Lieut. signed, or issued, any instrument, document, or

THE ATTACK ON VICKSBURG

A SCOW SENT THROUGHTHE CANAL

Nothing Heard of the Indianola or Queen of the West.

The steamer Kennett has arrived from Vicksburg,

Tuesday evening, from New-Orleans on the 13th fire occasional shots. The Rebels reply whenever any boat approaches the point. A scow has been run through the canal. The

> The steamer! Belle of Memphis landed on Monday night on the Arkunsus side 36 miles above Memphis,

ceived from a brother of Forrest, who lives in The bealth of the army is reported as not good, a

north. The Star of the South experienced heavy gales off Hatteras; was hove to for several hours.

Left in fKey West, United States flegship St. Lawrence, United States steamers Rhode Island, Santiago de Cuba, De Soto, Magnolia, R. R. Cuyler, Montgomery, Monongahela and Sagamore. The Lackagomery, Mononguliela and Sagamore. The Lacka-wanna arrived at Key West from Fortress Monroe, work the read was guarded by a heavy force posted on the 16th inst, and sailed again the same day for at Gallatin.

The Star also left at Key West

The enormous superiority in numbers of the Rebel

The enormous superiority force almost within New-Orleans. The Star also left at Key West bark Sallie Bonsall, from Abaco, with Government stores saved from wreck of ship Planter; bark M. Williamson for Philadelphia five days, brig Itasca and ship Wizard King, loading for New-Orleans.

The Star brings as passengers:

Acting A selatant-Engineer W. M. Barr, U. S. N.; W. H. Nelson, U. S. N.; Capt Edward E. Farker, and 20 in the organization and intentry service. The evident of conscription and intentry service. The evident of conscription and intentry service. The evident of conscription and intentry service. The evident cavalry force almost within the infantry lines, and gave the enemy control of the entire country around us. It was obvious from the beginning text we should be confronted by Engg's army, recruited by an inexorable conscription, and added by clones of mounted men, formed into a guerrilla-like cavalry, to avoid the hardships of conscription and intentry service. The evident

Beside the bont's crew which escaped at Galveston, only two persons are missing—John C. Clarry and Wm. Healy, firemen.

The means taken to obtain this end were emissing—John C. Clarry and Wm. Healy, firemen.

The Alabama reached Kingston on the 19th of January, and remained six days, making repairs. She was much strained, and leaked badly. She was the titleme—Gen. Loun's Address to His Army—Union Lengue, &c.

She was much strained, and leaked badly. She was truck thirteen times during the engagement, which lasted seventeen minutes. The officers and crew of the forces, and with ade, and such a large cavalry force into Kentacky to break up the railroad. In the absence of the forces, and with ade, and such a large cavalry to break up the railroad. In the absence of the forces, and with ade, and such a large of portune for an advance on the Rebels. Po h's and Kirby Smith's forces were at Murfreeeboro, and Hardse's corpt

among recently raised regiments, and in individuals among recently raised regiments, and in individuals lows, and exceedingly desirous to have another who are not in the labit of regarding laws of health.

The Seamer Chippewa Valley arrived at this chance at "the bloody pirate," to use their language Cook was to attend Hardee at Triume, and if the

heavily on his front over a rough country, inter-sected by forests and cedar brakes, with but singus

Short 22 game—2,700 fb. 4 Long 37s. 6 30 pounder rifle game 2 105-pounder rifle game 1 24-pounder rifle game 1 24-pounder rifle game 1 25-pounder rifl